

SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 118

13 November 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lieut. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
Major Hession	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. Discussion was resumed on ways and means of stabilizing NIS production (refer to NIS Committee Meetings Nov. 113 to 117, inclusive). The Chairman submitted, for the particular attention of the Army member, a draft of a Staff Study outlining Army's interest in exploring the possibility of obtaining CIA fiscal support for its NIS activities, which will be submitted to the DCI after coordination with other CIA offices concerned. It is recommended therein that Army be given formal notification that CIA is favorably disposed to extending such fiscal support. The Chairman said he would inform the Committee of developments in respect to the Staff Study.

The Navy member reported that the memorandum to the Committee Chairman outlining difficulties being faced in meeting production commitments was under active consideration in his agency but could give no estimate as to probable date of submission. He also advised that the hearing with Navy Budget Officers with regard to possible restoration of NIS positions, which were lost as a result of the SecDef 5% personnel cut directive, had proved ineffectual (refer to paragraph 7, NIS Committee Meeting No. 117). Efforts are now being made to find other means of increasing NIS production capabilities.

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3. The Committee approved a memorandum to G-2, Department of the Army (Executive Agency of the IAC for release of NIS [redacted], recommending the release of 60 NIS elements on the USSR and its satellites [redacted]. Forty five (45) elements were recommended for release on a [redacted]

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In connection with the release of NIS [redacted] it was decided that NIS Committee members would submit to D/B, on the first of each month, a

statement indicating the release category of each NIS element produced on the USSR and the satellite countries during the preceding month. D/B will then prepare a consolidated statement for the approval of the Committee, and for submission to G-2.

25X1C As a related matter the Army member reported that the Army Signal Corps had received a request from EMCCC (European Military Communications Coordinating Committee), a subcommittee of SHAPE, for all NIS Sections 38 (Telecommunications) and Supplements III (Telecommunications) on the NATO 25X1C countries, and that he had been queried regarding the release status of these elements. Further, it was his understanding that the request was for these elements [REDACTED]

25X1C [REDACTED] After discussion it was agreed that the Army member would notify the Signal Corps that the request from EMCCC should be referred to the NIS Committee for consideration.

4. The Air Force member reported that the suggestions made by D/B on the proposed change of Outline and Outline Guide for NIS Section 83 were generally acceptable to his agency and changes were being made accordingly (refer to paragraph 4, NIS Committee Meeting No. 117). He stated further that the Navy Air Arm portion of the Outline Guide was being enlarged. The revised proposal will be completed and submitted to D/B for review before the next meeting.

5. Copies of a statistical analysis of NIS production were distributed to the members. The analysis disclosed that during the first four months of FY 1952, agency production reached 82% of commitments in terms of numbers of sections produced, but only reached 27% in terms of particular sections scheduled for that period. The Chairman pointed out that while a reasonable attainment of commitments was indicated the elements produced were largely from the backlog of overdue elements, which shows clearly that the contributing agencies do not have the capabilities to absorb the backlog from the FY 1951 schedule in addition to meeting currently scheduled requirements. He proposed, therefore, that the FY 1952 schedule be revised to bring requirements more realistically into line with contributors' production capabilities. It was stressed that all active overdue elements from previous schedules should be rescheduled, even though this means advancing to the FY 1953 schedule some elements that were originally scheduled for FY 1952. The latter action should be taken, however, only when necessary to keep commitments within the maximum production capabilities of the contributor. The Committee undertook to revise the FY 1952 schedule to become effective on 1 January 1952. Members agreed to submit proposals for the revision to D/B on or before 4 December 1951, and the Chairman undertook to have a consolidated schedule prepared for consideration of the Committee at the 11 December meeting.

6. The Chairman stated that it would also be necessary to start planning at this time for FY 1953 production under the maintenance program.

He pointed out that a number of published NIS elements on strategically important areas contained serious gaps in information required by planners, and were deficient in other respects as well. In order to fill the gaps, specific collection actions should be initiated at least a year in advance of the date the maintenance manuscript is scheduled for submission to D/B, to provide time for field collectors to procure the needed information, and time for the preparation of the manuscript. Members were requested to determine which NIS elements require revision under the maintenance program and to initiate collection requirements for those particular elements with a view to scheduling them for production in FY 1953. The Chairman noted that revision may be necessary also because information has been found to be impeachable, or obsolete due to changed conditions in an area. Searching examination of existing NIS should also be made from those standpoints. He stressed the need for continuing effort to correct all shortcomings, and said that he regarded proper maintenance as the crux of the entire NIS program; that without it the users would lose confidence in the NIS as a reliable source for basic intelligence. He estimated that at least 10% of the FY 1953 production would be maintenance, and that maintenance production would increase each year thereafter, and would eventually be all maintenance when NIS had been published on all areas.

The Chairman informed the members that in view of the growing importance of the maintenance aspect of the NIS Program a Maintenance Editor had been designated in D/B to act as principal advisor and liaison officer with NIS contributors relative to maintenance matters. Files are maintained on all information of an errata or maintenance nature coming to the attention of D/B, and a continuing study will be made of this material to determine when need for revision of published NIS is indicated. Members were urged to have their production personnel consult with the Maintenance Editor, and examine material in the files, prior to actually undertaking maintenance revision of any NIS elements.

7. In answer to a question by the Air Force member relative to sending out notices of NIS superseding JANIS, the Chairman stated that it would be infeasible to send out such notices when individual NIS Chapters and Sections were published since the format of the two publications is entirely different. The policy is, therefore, that notice of a JANIS publication being superseded by the NIS will be given only when a complete NIS has been produced for the area concerned. D/B will initiate action for the issuance of such notices.

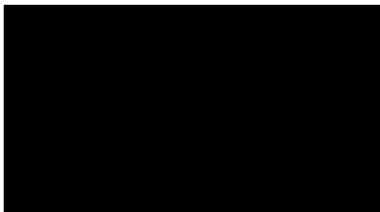
8. The Navy member stated that the Naval Attache¹ in Turkey had received a request [redacted] for a copy of the "Coasts and Landing Beaches" element (Section 22) of the "Turkey Tentative" basic intelligence study, and he requested the Committee's position in the matter. The Chairman said that the "Turkey Tentative" study had been produced by the IAC agencies as an unfinished intelligence study; that it had been neither edited nor produced as NIS; and that it had no status in the NIS Program. It was not, therefore, a matter for Committee consideration. It

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was pointed out, however, that Navy could make such dissemination as it wished of the Navy produced portions of the study, provided these portions are disassociated completely from the NIS.

9. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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